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SENATE BILL

No. 1303

Introduced by Senator Runner

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Canciamilla)

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An act to amend Section 48800 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1303, as amended, Runner. Pupils: concurrent enrollment: high school: community college.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district, upon recommendation of the principal of a pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to authorize a pupil who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work to attend community college as a special part-time student to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

Existing law prohibits a principal from recommending, for any particular grade level, for community college summer session attendance, more than 5% of the total number of pupils who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation. Existing law exempts from the specified 5% a pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a college-level advanced scholastic summer session course or vocational community college summer session course, if all of the specified criteria are met.

This bill, instead, would exempt from the 5% limitation a pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a course that does not offer college credit in English language arts or mathematics, but is necessary to assist specified pupils pass the California High School Exit Exam, and the principal who makes the recommendation provides certain data to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, as specified.

Existing law requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, on or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils recommended pursuant to the above exemption who enroll in community college summer session courses.

This bill would require the Chancellor, on or before November 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to also report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils who receive a passing grade in the above community college summer session courses.

(2) Existing law repeals the exemption and related provisions as of January 1, 2011.

This bill would change the repeal date to January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48800 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may
- 4 determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic
- 5 or vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide
- 6 educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of
- 7 eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements

1 of elementary and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a
2 smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by
3 providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate
4 atmosphere. The governing board may authorize those pupils,
5 upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school of
6 attendance, and with parental consent, to attend a community
7 college during any session or term as special part-time or
8 full-time students and to undertake one or more courses of
9 instruction offered at the community college level.

10 (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special
11 part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for any
12 session or term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the
13 board shall issue its written recommendation and the reasons for
14 the denial within 60 days. The written recommendation and
15 denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board
16 meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been
17 submitted.

18 (c) A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses
19 that he or she completes at the level determined appropriate by
20 the school district and community college district governing
21 boards.

22 (d) (1) The principal of a school may recommend a pupil for
23 community college summer session only if that pupil meets all of
24 the following criteria:

25 (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be
26 studied.

27 (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent
28 course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

29 (2) For any particular grade level, a principal may not
30 recommend for community college summer session attendance
31 more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed
32 that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.

33 (3) A high school pupil recommended by his or her principal
34 for enrollment in a course shall not be included in the 5 percent
35 limitation of pupils allowed to be recommended pursuant to
36 paragraph (2) if the course in which the pupil is enrolled meets
37 one of the criterion listed in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive,
38 and the high school principal who recommends the pupil for
39 enrollment provides the Chancellor of the California Community

1 Colleges, upon the request of that office, with the data required
2 for purposes of paragraph ~~(5)~~ (4).

3 ~~However, no apportionment of funds may be made to the~~
4 ~~Chancellor unless the pupil recommended for enrollment~~
5 ~~receives a passing grade in the course.~~

6 (A) The course is a; lower division, college-level course for
7 credit that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General
8 Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general
9 education breadth requirements of the California State
10 University.

11 (B) The course is a; college-level, occupational course for
12 credit assigned a Priority code of “A,” “B,” or “C,” pursuant to
13 the Student Accountability Model, as defined by the Chancellor
14 of the California Community Colleges and reported in the
15 management information system, and the course is part of a
16 sequence of vocational or career technical education courses
17 leading to a degree or certificate in the subject area covered by
18 the sequence.

19 (C) The course is necessary to assist a pupil who has not
20 passed the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE),
21 does not offer college credit in English language arts or
22 mathematics, and the pupil meets both of the following
23 requirements:

24 (i) The pupil is in his or her senior year.

25 (ii) The pupil has completed all other graduation requirements
26 prior to the end of his or her senior year, or will complete all
27 remaining graduation requirements during a community college
28 summer session, which he or she is recommended to enroll in,
29 following his or her senior year of high school.

30 ~~(5)~~

31 (4) On or before ~~January~~ November 1, 2007, and on or before
32 January 1 of each year thereafter, the Chancellor of the California
33 Community Colleges shall report to the Department of Finance
34 the number of pupils recommended pursuant to paragraph (3)
35 who enroll in community college summer session courses *and*
36 *who receive a passing grade.*

37 ~~(6)~~

38 (5) The Board of Governors of the California Community
39 Colleges may not include enrollment growth attributable to

1 paragraph (3) as part of its annual budget request for the
2 California Community Colleges.

3 ~~(7)~~

4 (6) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section
5 33050) of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this subdivision
6 may not be waived.

7 (e) Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5); of subdivision (d) shall
8 become inoperative on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2009.

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